

# CHFS

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) houses many of the state's departments and agencies that provide services directly to citizens. The Department for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addiction Services provides quality information, services and support for individuals with needs related to mental health and mental retardation and their families. The Department for Community Based Services administers child protection and permanency and family support programs including adoption, child abuse, child care, child support, food stamps, and foster care.

(Refer to <http://chfs.ky.gov/>)



## Mental Health

The mission of the Department for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addiction Services is to provide leadership, in partnership with others, to prevent disability, build resilience in individuals and their communities, and facilitate recovery for people whose lives have been affected by mental illness, mental retardation or other developmental disability, substance abuse or an acquired brain injury. Youth that are involved with the Juvenile Court system may be referred to community mental health providers to assist with assessment or treatment of the youth's mental health, developmental disabilities, or addiction issues.

(Refer to <http://chfs.ky.gov/dmhdas/>)

# DCBS

The Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) provides a variety of services for children and their families who are involved in Juvenile Court.

(Refer to <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/>)

## PROTECTION & PERMANENCY

The DCBS Division of Protection and Permanency provides consultative services and technical assistance to CHFS service regions regarding issues of child and adult protection, guardianship, and permanency for children.

They will provide protective services for any juvenile offenders when safety is an issue by providing protective services, investigations, and possible court action to remove the child from his or her home. DCBS will also provide court ordered supervision or probation of youth found guilty of status offenses. This supervision or probation will include:

- Individualized conditions of supervision
- Regular contacts with the youth and his or her family
- Collaboration with all community services involved (including schools)
- Emergency services
- Intensive in home services
- Referrals to contracted community agencies for specialized evaluations

(Refer to <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dpp/>)

## FAMILY SUPPORT

The Division of Family Support is responsible for administering several programs including food stamps, K-TAP (Kentucky Temporary Assistance), Simplified Assistance for the Elderly (SAFE) and Medicaid programs. The division also deals with welfare administration claims.

(Refer to <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dfs/>)



# Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice

## The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, AOC, and CHFS



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# AOC

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is part of the Kentucky Court of Justice system, which provides fair and equal treatment to the citizens who come before its courts, regardless of race, gender, religion, ethnicity, or sexual orientation. A Court Designated Worker (CDW) may be assigned to your child by AOC for the purposes of:

- Conducting a preliminary inquiry
- Formulating, entering information, and supervising diversion agreements  
(Refer to <http://courts.ky.gov/aoc/>)

## The Justice & Public Safety Cabinet

The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet is the state entity responsible for administering criminal justice services which include:

- Law enforcement activities and training
- Prevention, education, and substance abuse treatment for offenders
- Juvenile treatment and detention
- Adult incarceration
- Special investigations
- Paroling of eligible convicted felons

The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet's vision is to continuously improve public safety and the quality of life.

### **"Protecting you through public service... Making your future safer and healthier"**

The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet includes several state agencies that provide services to the community and specifically to juveniles. These agencies include: Department of Public Advocacy (DPA), Department of Corrections (DOC), Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)

(Refer to <http://justice.ky.gov/>)

# DPA

The Mission of the Department of Public Advocacy (DPA) is to provide each eligible client with high quality services through an effective trial and post-trial delivery system, including a legal staff dedicated to the interests of their clients and the improvement of the criminal justice system. DPA provides services in all 120 Kentucky counties. If your child is in need of legal representation, you may contact:

Department of Public Advocacy (DPA)  
100 Fair Oaks Lane, Suite 302  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
Phone: (502) 564-8006  
Fax: (502) 564-7890  
(Refer to <http://dpa.ky.gov/>)



## FEDERAL PROTECTION & ADVOCACY

The Federal Protection and Advocacy for individuals with disabilities is administered in Kentucky through the Department of Public Advocacy.

This Federal program allows DPA to provide free services to individuals with disabilities whose rights have been violated due to disability. These free services include assistance, information, legal counsel, and education.

For more information about the Federal Protection and Advocacy program administered by DPA, please contact:

Protection and Advocacy  
502-564-2967  
(Refer to <http://www.kypa.net>)

# DOC

The mission of the Department of Corrections (DOC) is to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth and to provide a safe, secure and humane environment for staff and offenders in carrying out the mandates of the legislative and judicial processes; and, to provide opportunities for offenders to acquire skills which facilitate non-criminal behavior.

Juveniles that are convicted as Youthful Offenders (YO) will appear before the Circuit Court for their final sentencing at the age of eighteen (18). These youth may be returned to the Department of Juvenile Justice, be placed on probation or conditional discharge with Adult Probation and Parole, or be placed into an adult correctional facility.

(Refer to <http://www.corrections.ky.gov/>)

# DJJ

The Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice's (DJJ) mission is to improve public safety by providing balanced and comprehensive services that hold youth accountable, and to provide the opportunity for youth to develop into productive, responsible citizens. DJJ is responsible for:

- Prevention programs for at-risk youth
- Court intake
- Detention
- Residential placement and treatment services
- Probation
- Community aftercare and reintegration programs
- Youth awaiting adjudication or adult placement  
(Refer to <http://www.djj.ky.gov/>)